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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: **Werner KNEBEL et al.**
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 Application No. PCT/DE2003/003163, which was
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For: SCANNING MICROSCOPE COMPRISING A
 CONFOCAL SLIT SCANNER FOR
 REPRODUCING AN OBJECT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants request that the following Amendments be made in the above-identified matter prior to examination thereof: